

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

BACKGROUND

5 1. Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device and, more specifically, to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device capable of preventing loss of dopants due to external diffusion thereof from a junction area, by forming a cobalt mono-silicide film through a first RTP process, implanting carbon ions not serving as a donor or an acceptor with a low energy and a low dose to make the film amorphous, and then forming a cobalt silicide film through a second RTP process.

2. Discussion of Related Art

[0002] Generally, in a logic device, a cobalt silicide film is formed on source/drain regions (active regions), in order to decrease a contact resistance between a unit transistor formed in a lower portion of the device and an upper metal interconnection. As a result, operation speed of the device is enhanced due to improvement of an RC delay characteristic of the device. Only by forming the cobalt silicide film on the source/drain regions (active regions), an ohmic contact is formed in a contact portion between a tungsten plug and the cobalt silicide film, thereby decreasing a contact resistance thereof.

[0003] On the other hand, a concentration of dopants in a junction area formed by performing a high concentration n-type or p-type ion implanting

process has a large influence on the contact resistance. Here, in case of a high concentration p-type junction area, while the cobalt silicide film is formed in the junction area in which dopants, etc. are distributed in a constant concentration, the cobalt silicide film makes inroads into the concentration distribution formed in the highly-concentrated ion implanting process. On the other hand, ions of BF_2 are redistributed due to the subsequent heat budget when or after B and F are separated to form the cobalt silicide film, so that B is externally diffused toward the surface of the cobalt silicide film and F is piled up on an interface between the junction area and the semiconductor substrate. As a result, the roughness of the interface between the junction area and the semiconductor substrate after forming the cobalt silicide film is increased. This causes deterioration of leakage current characteristic in an n-well junction, which is important for characteristics of a device actually implemented.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Accordingly, the present invention is directed to provide a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device capable of improving element characteristics by forming a cobalt silicide film without loss of dopants.

[0005] According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device capable of preventing loss of dopants due to external diffusion thereof to improve element characteristics, by forming a cobalt mono-silicide film, performing a

carbon ion implanting process to make the cobalt mono-silicide film amorphous, and then forming a cobalt di-silicide film.

[0006] In the present invention, by implanting carbon ions not serving as a donor or an accepter with a low energy and a low dose to make a surface 5 of the cobalt mono-silicide film amorphous after performing a first RTP process for forming a cobalt mono-silicide film and before removing the non-reacting cobalt film and a TiN film, an interfacial roughness of a semiconductor substrate and a poor junction area due to the existing pile-up of F is improved when forming a cobalt di-silicide film or through inducing 10 redistribution of F atoms in a surface direction due to subsequent heat budget.

[0007] One aspect of the present invention is to provide a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, comprising the steps of: forming a gate on a predetermined area of a semiconductor substrate, forming spacers on side walls thereof, and then forming a junction area in a predetermined area of 15 the semiconductor substrate; forming a cobalt film and a buffer layer on the whole structure; forming a cobalt mono-silicide film on the gate and the junction area, by performing a first RTP process; making a surface of the cobalt mono-silicide film amorphous to form an amorphous cobalt silicide film, by performing a carbon ion implanting process; and forming a cobalt di- 20 silicide film, by removing the non-reacting cobalt film and the buffer layer and then performing a second RTP process.

[0008] In the aforementioned of a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present invention, the cobalt film is formed to have a thickness of 70 Å to 150 Å, by

keeping a reacting furnace, which initially maintains a pressure of 1×10^{-7} to 1×10^{-8} Torr, in 1×10^2 to 1×10^4 Torr and at from a normal temperature to a temperature of 550°C, and by using any one of a DC sputtering method, an RF sputtering method and a CVD method.

5 [0009] In the aforementioned of a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present invention, the buffer layer is a TiN film.

[0010] In the aforementioned of a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present 10 invention, the TiN film is formed to have a thickness of 100 Å to 500 Å, by keeping a reacting furnace, which initially maintains a pressure of 1×10^{-7} to 1×10^{-8} Torr, in 1×10^2 to 1×10^4 Torr and at from a normal temperature to a temperature of 400°C, and by using any one of a DC sputtering method, an RF sputtering method and a CVD method.

15 [0011] In the aforementioned of a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present invention, the first RTP process is performed at a temperature of 430°C to 530°C for a time of 10 to 60 seconds, by introducing nitrogen gas, argon gas, helium gas and hydrogen gas at a flow rate of 10 to 1000sccm, respectively.

20 [0012] In the aforementioned of a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present invention, the carbon ion implanting process is performed up to a depth of 50 Å to 1000 Å with energy of 10 to 100keV and a dose of 1×10^{14} to 1×10^{16} atoms/cm².

[0013] In the aforementioned of a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present invention, the second RTP process is performed at a temperature of 650°C to 800°C for a time of 5 to 30 seconds, by introducing nitrogen gas, argon gas,
5 helium gas and hydrogen gas at a flow rate of 10 to 1000sccm, respectively.

[0014] One aspect of the present invention is to provide a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, comprising the steps of: forming a gate on a predetermined area of a semiconductor substrate, forming spacers on side walls thereof, and then forming a junction area in a predetermined area of
10 the semiconductor substrate; forming an insulating film on the whole structure and then removing the insulating film on an area in which a silicide film should be formed; forming a cobalt film and a TiN film on the whole structure; making the cobalt film react with the gate and the junction area from which the insulating film is removed and exposed, to form a cobalt mono-
15 silicide film, by performing a first RTP process; making a surface of the cobalt mono-silicide film amorphous to form an amorphous cobalt silicide film, by performing a carbon ion implanting process; and forming a cobalt di-silicide film, by removing the non-reacting cobalt film and the TiN film and then performing a second RTP process.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] The above and other objects, advantages and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of

preferred embodiments given in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

- [0016] Figs. 1A to 1E are cross-sectional views sequentially illustrating a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to the present invention;
- [0017] Fig. 2A is a view illustrating an ion distribution of B and F after implanting ions of BF_2 to form a junction area;
- [0018] Fig. 2B is a view illustrating diffusion of B and F when a second RTP process is carried out using a conventional process; and
- 10 [0019] Fig. 2C is a view illustrating a state where CF_x is formed and externally diffused through a carbon ion implantation after a first RTP process.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0020] Now, preferred embodiments of the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. However, the present invention is not limited to the embodiments disclosed in the following description, but can be implemented into various changes and modifications. Thus, these embodiments are intended to completely inform those skilled in the art of a scope of the present invention. The same reference numerals indicate the same elements in the figures.

[0021] Figs. 1A to 1E are cross-sectional views sequentially illustrating a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to the present invention.

- [0022]** Referring to Fig. 1A, a gate oxide film 12 and a poly silicon film 13 are sequentially deposited on a semiconductor substrate 11. The poly silicon film 13 and the gate oxide film 12 are patterned through a photolithograph process and an etching process using a gate mask to form a
5 gate. Spacers 14 are formed on side walls of the gate, and then a high concentration BF₂ ion implanting process is performed thereto to form a junction area 15 in the semiconductor substrate 11. Then, an insulating film 16 is formed on the whole structure. At that time, the insulating film 16 is formed for the purpose of preventing a silicide from being formed in specific areas.
- [0023]** Referring to Fig. 1B, the insulating film 16 in the area in which the silicide film should be formed is removed. Then, a cobalt film 17 is formed on the whole structure, and a TiN film 18 for preventing abnormal oxidation of the cobalt film 17 is formed thereon. As a result, the cobalt film 17 is formed to be in contact with the poly silicon film 13 and the junction area 15
15 in the area in which the silicide film should be formed. Here, the cobalt film 17 is formed to have a thickness of 70 to 150 Å, by keeping a reacting furnace, which initially maintains a pressure of 1×10⁻⁷ to 1×10⁻⁸ Torr, in 1×10⁻² to 1×10⁻⁴ Torr and at from a normal temperature to a temperature of 550°C, and by using any one of a DC sputtering method, an RF sputtering method and a
20 CVD method. On the other hand, a buffer layer for carbon ion implantation should exist for forming a surface amorphous layer of the present invention. Since the TiN film 18 is used as the buffer layer, a thickness of the TiN film 18 is an important factor. At this time, the TiN film 18 is formed to have a thickness of 100 to 500 Å, by keeping a reacting furnace, which initially

maintains a pressure of 1×10^{-7} to 1×10^{-8} Torr, in 1×10^2 to 1×10^4 Torr and at from a normal temperature to a temperature of 400°C, and by using any one of a DC sputtering method, an RF sputtering method and a CVD method.

[0024] Referring to Fig. 1C, by performing a first RTP process, the 5 cobalt film 17 is made to react with the poly silicon film 13 and the junction area 15 in the area in which the silicide film should be formed, thereby forming a cobalt mono-silicide film 19. At this time, the first RTP process is performed at a temperature of 430 to 530°C for a time of 10 to 60 seconds, by introducing nitrogen gas (N₂), argon gas (Ar), helium gas (He) and hydrogen 10 gas (H₂) at a flow rate of 10 to 1000sccm, respectively. In this way, atomic distribution of B and F in the junction area 15 on which the cobalt mono-silicide film 19 is formed is equal to that of Fig. 2A.

[0025] Referring to Fig. 1D, by performing a carbon ion implanting process for making amorphous using the TiN film 18 as a buffer layer for ion 15 implantation, a surface of the cobalt mono-silicide film 19 is made to be amorphous, and thus an amorphous cobalt silicide film 20 is formed. In a general process of forming a cobalt silicide where the additional carbon ion implanting process is not carried out, B is diffused toward the surface thereof and F is diffused toward the semiconductor substrate, as shown in Fig. 2B, 20 when performing a second RTP process. However, as shown in Fig. 2C, the carbon ion implantation makes the cobalt mono-silicide film 19 amorphous and bonds carbons to F atoms in the cobalt mono-silicide film 19 to form CFx. Thereafter, the CFx is externally diffused through the second RTP process. As a result, F atoms do not exist in the cobalt silicide, so that it is possible to form

an excellent cobalt silicide film. Here, the carbon ion implanting process is performed up to a depth of 50 to 1000 Å with a low energy of 5 to 100 keV and a low dose of 1×10^{13} to 1×10^{16} atoms/cm².

5 [0026] Referring to Fig. 1E, the non-reacting cobalt film 17 and the TiN film 18 are removed, and then the second RTP process is carried out, to form a cobalt di-silicide film 21. At that time, the second RTP process is performed at a temperature of 650 to 800°C for a time of 5 to 30 seconds, by introducing nitrogen gas (N₂), argon gas (Ar), helium gas (He) and hydrogen gas (H₂) at a flow rate of 10 to 1000 sccm, respectively.

10 [0027] As described above, according to the present invention, by forming the cobalt mono-silicide film through the first RTP process, implanting carbon ions not serving as a donor or an acceptor with a low energy and a low dose to make the film amorphous, and then forming the cobalt silicide film through the second RTP process, it is possible to prevent
15 loss of dopants due to external diffusion thereof from the junction area. Therefore, since diffusion of F atoms causing deterioration of the interfacial roughness of the junction area and the semiconductor substrate is prevented, it is possible to improve the leakage current characteristic of the junction, it is also possible to improve characteristic of a high-speed logic device, and it is
20 also possible to ensure a characteristic margin of a device, thereby contributing to improvement of yield in mass production thereof. Furthermore, since the TiN capping layer to which the additional carbon ion implanting process according to the present invention is carried out has a more porous property than that to which the conventional process of forming a cobalt

silicide film, it is possible to suppress generation of residual materials, which are always disadvantageous when removing the cobalt film and the TiN film, so that it is possible to ensure a process margin enough. On the other hand, in a case of a nickel silicide film to be employed in the future, since the nickel 5 silicide film has physical properties and device characteristics almost equal to the conventional cobalt silicide film, application of the additional ion implanting process for making amorphous according to the present invention to the nickel silicide film will cause improvement of characteristics as much as the cobalt silicide film, or more.

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